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## HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PENSIONS FOR VETERANS OF INDIAN WARS, CIVIL WAR, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, WORLD WARS I AND II, AND KOREAN CONFLICT, INCLUDING RATES AND CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF ENTITLEMENT

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Indian wars:** | | | |
| Act of July 27, 1892 (27 Stat. 281) | (1832 to 1842) 50 years. | $8 per month | 30 days' service, honorable discharge. Less than 30 days' service if named in resolution of Congress for specific service. Must be citizen of United States. |
| Act of June 27, 1902 (32 Stat. 399) | (1817 to 1858) 44 years. | do | Extended benefits of act of July 27, 1892, to certain service in specified Indian wars between 1817 and 1858. |
| Act of May 30, 1908 (35 Stat. 553) | (1855 to 1860) 48 years. | do | Extended benefits of act of July 27, 1892, to Texas Volunteers who rendered certain service between 1855 and 1860. |
| Act of Feb. 19, 1913 (37 Stat. 679) | (1817 to 1860) 53 years. | $20 per month | Increased rate to those pensioned or entitled to pension under prior acts. |
| Act of Mar. 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1199) | (1859 to 1891) 26 years. | do<br>$20 per month, age 62, based upon certain service. | Extended benefits of act of July 27, 1892, and act of Feb. 19, 1913, to survivors in wars between 1859 and 1891. Included Tyler's Rangers, 1864. 30 days' service or through a campaign of less than 30 days, or less than 30 days if named in resolution of Congress; to certain groups at age 62 with 30 days' service in certain campaigns. |
| Act of Mar. 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1361, et seq.). | (1817 to 1898) 29 years. | $20 to $50 per month based upon disability<br>$20 per month, age 62.<br>$30 per month, age 68.<br>$40 per month, age 72.<br>$50 per month, age 75.<br>(See footnote 1.) | 30 days' or more service, Jan. 1, 1817, to Dec. 31, 1898; suffering from disability of permanent character, not result of vicious habits, which so incapacitates him for performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support; pension also payable based upon age. Service in any military organization whether regularly mustered into United States service or not where under authority of United States or any State or Territory in any Indian war or campaign or in connection with or in zone of active Indian hostilities recognized. |
| Act of Aug. 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 786) | (1817 to 1898) 39 years. | $20 to $55 per month based upon disability<br>$25 per month, age 62.<br>$35 per month, age 68.<br>$45 per month, age 72.<br>$55 per month, age 75.<br>$72 per month, helpless or blind requiring regular aid and attendance. | Increased pensions to those on rolls or establishing entitlement under prior laws, based upon 30 days' or more service or through a campaign of less than 30 days, or service of less than 30 days if named in resolution of Congress for specific service. Pension limited to $50 per month while person in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of July 13, 1943 (58 Stat. 108) | (1817 to 1898) 45 years. | | Sec. 13 repealed provisions of law relating to reduction of pension while person in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of Mar. 3, 1944 (58 Stat. 108) | (1817 to 1898) 46 years. | $20 to $60 per month based upon disability<br>$30 per month, age 62.<br>$60 per month, age 65 or over.<br>$100 per month, helpless or blind requiring regular aid and attendance. | 30 days' or more service or for duration of a campaign even though less than 30 days or in the zone of any active Indian hostilities from Jan. 1, 1817, to Dec. 31, 1898, suffering from a disability of permanent character which so incapacitates him for performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support; pension not denied if disability resulted from vicious habits; pension also payable based upon age. Amendatory of act of Mar. 3, 1927; application required. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908) | (1817 to 1898) 48 years. | | Sec. 1 provides, with certain exceptions, that the pension of single veterans without dependents, being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration, shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh month. If treatment extends beyond that period, the pension, if less than $30, shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater. Amounts withheld are payable upon termination of treatment subject to certain conditions. It also provides that in any case where the estate of any such veteran, who is incompetent, reaches $1,500, further payments of pension will not be made until the estate is reduced to $500. |
| Act of Jan. 19, 1948 (62 Stat. 4) | (1817 to 1898) 50 years. | Under act of Mar. 3, 1927, as amended:<br>$24 to $72 per month based upon disability.<br>$36 per month, age 62.<br>$72 per month, age 65 or over.<br>$120 per month, helpless or blind requiring regular aid and attendance.<br>Under act of Aug. 25, 1937:<br>$24 to $66 per month based upon disability.<br>$30 per month, age 62.<br>$42 per month, age 68.<br>$54 per month, age 72.<br>$66 per month, age 75.<br>$86.40 per month, helpless or blind requiring regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 20 percent, effective Mar. 1, 1948, monthly rates of pension payable to Indian War veterans and their dependents. |
| Act of Aug. 1, 1949 (63 Stat. 484) | (1817 to 1898) 51 years. | | Requires payment to veterans, 6 months following recovery of competency, of pension withheld under act of Aug. 8, 1946, notwithstanding limitation in that act precluding payment of such sums where incompetent veteran's estate reaches $1,500. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91) | (1817 to 1898) 54 years. | $96.75 per month, based upon disability or age 62 or over<br>$129 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Established indicated minimum rates of pension payable to veterans of the Indian Wars under the act of Mar. 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1361, et seq.), as amended, or the act of Aug. 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 786), as amended, effective July 1, 1952. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916) | (1817 to 1898) 56 years. | $101.59 per month, based upon disability or age 62 or over<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |
| Act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25) | (1817 to 1898) 59 years. | | Effective June 1, 1957, prohibits payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorizes payment to designated dependents where the veteran is denied pension under the act. |

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*Historical development of pensions for veterans of Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Korean conflict, including rates and certain elements of entitlement*—Continued

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Indian Wars**—Continued<br>Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.)[3] (Indian Wars: Jan. 1, 1817–Dec. 31, 1898). | (1817 to 1898) 59 years. | $101.59 per month<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Service in one of Indian Wars for 30 days or more or for duration of such Indian War, in any military organization, whether or not such service was result of regular muster into service of United States, if such service was under authority or by approval of United States or any State or Territory, and discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable. Prior provisions relating to withholding of payments during hospitalization and penal institution bar to payment are continued. (Major changes: removes requirement of age or disability and liberalizes character of discharge requirement.) |
| **Civil War (Mar. 4, 1861–Aug. 20, 1866):**<br>Act of June 27, 1890 (26 Stat. 182) | 24 years | $6 to $12 per month | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge; suffering from disability of a permanent character, not the result of vicious habits, which so incapacitates him from performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support. |
| Act of Aug. 5, 1892 (27 Stat. 348) | 26 years | $12 per month, Army nurses (female) | Army nurses (female); 6 months' service; honorable discharge; unable to earn a support. |
| Act of Apr. 24, 1906 (34 Stat. 133) | 40 years | $6 per month | Age 62 considered a permanent specific disability. |
| Act of Feb. 6, 1907 (34 Stat. 879) | 41 years | $12 per month, age 62<br>$15 per month, age 70.<br>$20 per month, age 75. | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge. |
| Act of May 11, 1912 (37 Stat. 112) | 46 years | Monthly rates based upon age and length of service: | Do. |

| Age | 90 days | 6 months | 1 year | 1½ years | 2 years | 2½ years | 3 years or more |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | $13 | $13.50 | $14 | $14.50 | $15 | $15.50 | $16 |
| 66 | 15 | 15.50 | 16 | 16.50 | 17 | 18.00 | 19 |
| 70 | 18 | 19.00 | 20 | 21.50 | 23 | 24.00 | 25 |
| 75 | 21 | 22.50 | 24 | 27.00 | 30 | 30.00 | 30 |

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| Act of June 10, 1918 (40 Stat. 603) | 52 years | $30 per month, minimum rate regardless of age or disability.<br>Upon attaining age 72 years:<br>$32 per month, 6 months' service.<br>$35 per month, 1 year's service.<br>$38 per month, 1½ years' service.<br>$40 per month, 2 years' service or over. | Do. |
| Act of May 1, 1920 (41 Stat. 585, et seq.). | 54 years | $50 per month, regardless of age or disability<br>$72 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance.<br>$30 per month to Army nurses (female). | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge; or having served less than 90 days discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty; or on rolls as a Civil War veteran. |
| Act of July 3, 1926 (44 Stat. 806) | 60 years | $65 per month, regardless of age or disability<br>$90 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance.<br>$50 per month to Army nurses (female). | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge; or having served less than 90 days discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty. No one while in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home entitled to increased rates provided by this act. |
| Act of June 9, 1930 (46 Stat. 529) | 64 years | $75 per month, regardless of age or disability<br>$100 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance.<br>(See footnote 1.) | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge from all contracts of service; or having served less than 90 days discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty; or on rolls as a Civil War veteran. Pension reduced $25 monthly while person residing in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 557) | 77 years | | Sec. 13 repealed provisions of law relating to reduction of pension while person in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908) | 80 years | | Sec. 1 provides, with certain exceptions, that the pension of single veterans without dependents, being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration, shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh month. If treatment extends beyond that period, the pension, if less than $30, shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater. Amounts withheld are payable upon termination of treatment subject to certain conditions. It also provides that in any case where the estate of any such veteran, who is incompetent, reaches $1,500, further payments of pension will not be made until the estate is reduced to $500. |
| Act of July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 610) | 81 years | $90 per month, regardless of age or disability<br>$120 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 20 percent, effective Sept. 1, 1947, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Civil War and their dependents. |
| Act of Aug. 1, 1949 (63 Stat. 484) | 83 years | | Requires payment to veteran, 6 months following recovery of competency, of pension withheld under act of Aug. 8, 1946, notwithstanding limitation in that act precluding payment of such sums where incompetent veteran's estate reaches $1,500. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90) | 86 years | $96.75 per month, regardless of age or disability<br>$129 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 7½ percent, effective July 1, 1952, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Civil War and their dependents. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916) | 88 years | $101.59 per month, regardless of age or disability<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |

NOTE.—The last Civil War veteran died Aug. 2, 1956, and the laws providing pension for Civil War veterans were repealed, effective Jan. 1, 1958, by the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.).

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*Historical development of pensions for veterans of Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Korean conflict, including rates and certain elements of entitlement*—Continued

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
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| **War with Spain:** | | | |
| *Service pension laws:*[3] War with Spain (Apr. 21, 1898–Apr. 11, 1899), Philippine Insurrection (Apr. 12, 1899–July 4, 1902, or July 15, 1903, Moro Province), China Relief Expedition (June 16, 1900–May 12, 1901): | | | |
| Act of June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 982) | 18 years | $12 to $30 per month, based upon disability<br>$12 per month, age 62.<br>$18 per month, age 68.<br>$24 per month, age 72.<br>$30 per month, age 75. | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge; suffering from disability of a permanent character, not due to vicious habits, which so incapacitates him from performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support. |
| Act of Sept. 1, 1922 (42 Stat. 835) | 20 years | $12 to $30 per month, based upon disability<br>$12 per month, age 62.<br>$18 per month, age 68.<br>$24 per month, age 72.<br>$30 per month, age 75. | Benefits of act of June 5, 1920, extended to Army Nurse Corps (female) who served honorably 90 days or more between Apr. 21, 1898, and Feb. 2, 1901, or who were released before end of 90 days for disability contracted in line of duty. |
| Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382–383). | 24 years | $20 to $50 per month, based upon disability<br>$20 per month, age 62.<br>$30 per month, age 68.<br>$40 per month, age 72.<br>$50 per month, age 75.<br>$72 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | 90 days' or more service, honorable discharge; less 90 days' service, discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty; suffering from disability of a permanent character not the result of his own vicious habits, which so incapacitates him for performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support. Benefits extended to Army Nurse Corps (female) under same conditions as act of June 5, 1920. Pension limited to $50 monthly while in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of June 2, 1930 (46 Stat. 492–493). | 28 years | $20 to $60 per month, based upon disability<br>$30 per month, age 62.<br>$40 per month, age 68.<br>$50 per month, age 72.<br>$60 per month, age 75.<br>$72 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | 90 days' or more service; honorable discharge; or less than 90 days' service, if discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty; suffering from disability of a permanent character which so incapacitates him for performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support. No provision as to vicious habits. Benefits extended to Army Nurse Corps (female) under same conditions as act of June 5, 1920. Pension limited to $50 monthly while in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| | | $12 to $30 per month, based upon disability<br>$12 per month, age 62.<br>$18 per month, age 68.<br>$24 per month, age 72.<br>$30 per month, age 75.<br>$50 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attenance. | 70 days' or more service; honorable discharge; suffering from disability of a permanent character which so incapacitates him for performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support. No provision as to vicious habits. Benefits extended to Army Nurse Corps (female) who rendered 70 days' honorable service between Apr. 21, 1898, and Feb. 2, 1901. Pension limited to $50 monthly while in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of Mar. 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 11) | 31 years | | Sec. 17 repealed all public laws granting non-service-connected pension to veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, and their dependents. |
| Act of Mar. 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 525) | 32 years | Pension payable Mar. 19, 1933, subject to 25 percent reduction.<br>$6 per month if in Federal employ receiving $1,000 salary, if single, or $2,500 salary, if married. | Pension subject to reductions under Veterans Regulations applicable to hospitalized cases. Willful misconduct bars pension. Not applicable to persons to whom payments made Mar. 19, 1933, through fraud, clear or unmistakable error as to conclusions of fact or law or misrepresentation of material fact, except that decisions as to degree of disability rendered prior to Mar. 20, 1933, conclusive. Not applicable to person during any year following year person not entitled to Federal income-tax exemption. Not applicable to person who enlisted after Aug. 12, 1898, and who did not serve in either the Philippine Insurrection or Boxer Rebellion. All laws in effect Mar. 19, 1933, granting benefits to veterans of Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion, reenacted subject to limitations and reductions hereunder. |
| Act of Aug. 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 614) | 33 years | Pension payable at full rates under laws in effect Mar. 19, 1933. | Eligibility requirements those contained in Spanish-American War service pension laws in effect Mar. 19, 1933. |
| Act of May 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 440) | 36 years | $60 per month, age 65.<br>$100 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | 90 days' or more service, honorable discharge; less 90 days' service if discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty. Service between Apr. 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902. Benefits extended to Army Nurse Corps (female) who served honorably 90 days between Apr. 21, 1898, and Feb. 2, 1901, or regardless of length of service if released before end of 90 days for disability contracted in service in line of duty. No one while in U. S. Solders' Home or in any National or State soldiers' home and while Government of United States contributes toward expense in providing veteran with domiciliary care may be paid more than $50 monthly. |
| Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 554 and 557). | 41 years | | Sec. 1 provides that the administrative, definitive, and regulatory provisions of the act of Mar. 20, 1933, and Veterans Regulations, as now or hereafter amended, shall be applicable to benefits provided under the act of Mar. 28, 1934, as amended, and under laws reenacted by the act of Aug. 13, 1935, as amended. Sec. 13 repealed provisions of law relating to reduction of pension while person in U. S. Soldiers' Home or any National or State soldiers' home. |
| Act of Mar. 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 107): | | | |
| Spanish-American War | 45 years | $75 per month, total disability | 90 days' or more service, honorably discharged; or less than 90 days' service, discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty; suffering from disability of a permanent character which so incapacitates him for performance of manual labor as to render him unable to earn a support. Persons who served between Apr. 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, or in Moro Province between July 5, 1902, and July 15, 1903, entitled to $75 rate for disability; the $75 rate based upon age payable only to those who served between Apr. 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, and not payable to those who served in Moro Province between July 5, 1902, and July 15, 1903. |
| Philippine Insurrection | 42 years | $75 per month, age 65. | |
| China Relief Expedition | 44 years | $75 per month, age 75, payable under act of June 2, 1930 (74 Solicitor's Opinion 78). | |

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*Historical development of pensions for veterans of Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Korean conflict, including rates and certain elements of entitlement*—Continued

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | | Eligibility and limitations |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **War with Spain**—Continued<br>*Service pension laws*—Continued<br>Act of Aug. 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 863) | 44 years | 90 days' or more service or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty:<br>$24, 1/10 disability.<br>$30, 1/4 disability.<br>$42, 1/2 disability.<br>$60, 3/4 disability.<br>$36, age 62.<br>$48, age 68.<br>$60, age 72.<br>$86.40, aid and attendance. | 70 days' or more service but less than 90 days:<br>$14.40, 1/10 disability.<br>$18, 1/4 disability.<br>$21.60, 1/2 disability.<br>$28.80, 3/4 disability.<br>$50, total disability.<br>$14.40, age 62.<br>$50, age 65 or over.<br>$65, aid and attendance. | Increased by 20 per centum the monthly rates of service pension payable under laws reenacted by the act of Aug. 13, 1935, not included in the act of May 24, 1938, or the act of Mar. 1, 1944, or secs. 2 and 3 of this act. Sec. 2 increased the $30 payable 70-day veterans to $50 and provided a rate of $50 per month at age of 65 for 70-day veterans taking under sec. 3 of the act of June 2, 1930. Sec. 3 increased from $50 to $65 the amount payable 70-day veterans for aid and attendance. The $100 rate for aid and attendance and the $75 rates for total disability for age 65 and for age 75 provided for 90-day veterans and those discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty were included under the act of May 24, 1938, and the act of Mar. 1, 1944, and were not increased by this act. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908) | 44 years | | | Sec. 1 provides, with certain exceptions, that the pension of single veterans without dependents, being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh month. If treatment extends beyond that period, the pension, if less than $30 shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater. Amounts withheld are payable upon termination of treatment subject to certain conditions. It also provides that in any case where the estate of any such veteran, who is incompetent, reaches $1,500, further payments of pension will not be made until the estate is reduced to $500. |
| Act of July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 610) | 45 years | 90 days' or more service or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty:<br>$28.80, 1/10 disability.<br>$36, 1/4 disability.<br>$50.40, 1/2 disability.<br>$72, 3/4 disability.<br>$90, total disability.<br>$43.20, age 62.<br>$90 ($43.20) age 65.<br>$90 ($57.60) age 68.<br>$90 ($72) age 72.<br>$90 ($90) age 75.<br>$120 ($103.68) aid and attendance. | 70 days' or more service but less than 90 days:<br>$17.28, 1/10 disability.<br>$21.60, 1/4 disability.<br>$25.92, 1/2 disability.<br>$34.56, 3/4 disability.<br>$60, total disability.<br>$17.28, age 62.<br>$60, age 65.<br>$60, age 68.<br>$60, age 72.<br>$60, age 75.<br>$78, aid and attendance. | Increased by 20 percent monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection and their dependents, under laws reenacted by act of Aug. 13, 1935, or under any acts amendatory or supplemental to such laws. The $90 rate at age 65 and $120 rate for regular aid and attendance are payable to those who served between Apr. 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, and are not payable to those who served in the Moro Province between July 5, 1902, and July 15, 1903. Rates applicable to the Moro Province group are shown in parentheses. |
| Act of Aug. 1, 1949 (63 Stat. 484) | 47 years | | | Requires payment to veteran, 6 months following recovery of competency, of pension withheld under act of Aug. 8, 1946, notwithstanding limitation in that act precluding payment of such sums where incompetent veteran's estate reaches $1,500. |
| Act of Aug. 4, 1951 (65 Stat. 174)<br>(War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion, Apr. 21, 1898–July 4, 1902, Moro Province, July 15, 1903). | 49 years | Establishes minimum rates in service pension laws as follows:<br>90 days' or more service, or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty:<br>$90, disability or age 62 or over.<br>$120, aid and attendance. | 70 days' or more service but less than 90 days:<br>$60, disability or age 62 or over.<br>$78, aid and attendance. | Effective Oct. 1, 1951, in determining eligibility to pension under the service pension laws reenacted by the act of Aug. 13, 1935, as amended and supplemented, delimiting dates of the war with Spain, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion shall be as noted in first column; in computing active service there shall be counted continuous active service which commenced prior to and extended into the applicable periods, or which commenced within the applicable periods, and a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable shall be a prerequisite. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90) | 50 years | 90 days' or more service or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty:<br>$96.75, disability or age 62 or over.<br>$129, aid and attendance. | 70 days' or more service but less than 90 days:<br>$64.50, disability or age 62 or over.<br>$83.85, aid and attendance. | Increased by 7½ percent, effective July 1, 1952, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, and dependents of such veterans, under laws reenacted by the act of Aug. 13, 1935 as amended and supplemented. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916) | 52 years | 90 days' or more service or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty:<br>$101.59, disability or age 62 or over.<br>$135.45, aid and attendance. | 70 days' or more service but less than 90 days:<br>$67.73, disability or age 62 or over.<br>$88.04, aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |
| Act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25) | 55 years | | | Effective June 1, 1957, prohibits payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as a result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorizes payment to designated dependents where the veteran is denied pension under the act. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.).[3]<br>(Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion, Apr. 21, 1898–July 4, 1902, Moro Province, July 15, 1903). | do | 90 days' or more service or discharge for disability incurred in line of duty:<br>$101.59.<br>$135.45, aid and attendance. | 70 days' or more service but less than 90 days:<br>$67.73.<br>$88.04, aid and attendance. | Service in active military or naval service during the Spanish-American War, including the Philippine Insurrection and Boxer Rebellion, for period indicated in 3d column and discharge or release therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. Prior provisions relating to withholding of payments during hospitalization and penal institution bar to payment are continued. (Major change: removes requirement of age or disability.) |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
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| **War with Spain**—Continued<br>*Act of Mar. 20, 1933, as amended and supplemented:* [2]<br>Act of Mar. 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 8) and Veterans Regulations.<br>Spanish-American War, Apr. 21–Aug. 12, 1898.<br>Philippine Insurrection, Aug. 13, 1898–July 4, 1902; July 15, 1903, Moro Province.<br>Boxer Rebellion, June 20, 1900–May 12, 1901. | 31 years | $20 per month, permanent total disability.<br>*$6 per month, less permanent total; Spanish-American War veteran over age 62 years (Vets. Reg. No. 1, Mar. 31, 1933).<br>$30 per month, permanent total disability.<br>*$15 per month; Spanish-American War veteran over age 62 years, otherwise entitled, or on roll Mar. 19, 1933, unless receiving less Mar. 19, 1933, in which case lesser amount continued (Vets. Reg. No. 1 (a), June 6, 1933).<br>$30 per month, permanent total disability.<br>*$15 per month; Spanish-American War veteran over age 62 years, otherwise entitled, or on rolls Mar. 19, 1933, unless receiving less Mar. 19, 1933, in which case lesser amount continued.<br>$15 per month, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion veteran age 55 years or over and 50 percent disabled, otherwise entitled (Vets. Reg. No. 1 (b), July 28, 1933). | In active service 90 days or more before cessation of hostilities, honorable discharge; not requisite that 90 days' service be completed before cessation of hostilities provided person entered service before cessation of hostilities and served continuously thereafter for 90 days or had continuous service for 90 days which commenced prior to and extended into period of hostilities. Actual participation in Philippine Insurrection or Boxer Rebellion required. Misconduct bars pension. Except as to item (*) under rates pension subject to annual income limitation of $1,000 as to person unmarried, or $2,500 as to married person or person with minor children. |
| | | $30 per month, permanent total disability.<br>*$15 per month, Spanish-American War veteran over age 62 years, otherwise entitled, or on roll Mar. 19, 1933, unless receiving less Mar. 19, 1933, in which case lesser amount continued.<br>$15 per month, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion veteran 50 percent disabled, otherwise entitled (Vets. Reg. No. 1 (c), Jan. 19, 1934). | Eligibility requirements same as above but liberalized to include persons who served less than 90 days and discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty. |
| | | 75 percent of rates payable Mar. 19, 1933.<br>$6 per month if in Federal employ receiving $1,000 salary if single, or $2,500 salary, if married (Veterans Regulation No. 1 (f), Feb. 8, 1935). | For service between Aug. 13, 1898, and July 4, 1902, of veteran who left continental United States under orders for military or naval service in Guam, Cuba, or Puerto Rico. Pension subject to reductions under Veterans Regulations applicable to hospitalized cases. Willful misconduct bars pension. Not applicable to persons to whom payments made on Mar. 19, 1933, through fraud, clear or unmistakable error as to conclusions of fact or law or misrepresentation of material fact, except that decisions as to degree of disability rendered prior to Mar. 20, 1933, conclusive. Not applicable to person during any year following year person not entitled to Federal income-tax exemption. No pension payable for disability not due to service or for age if person served less than 90 days and not discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty. |
| Act of June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 309). | 31 years | $15 per month minimum, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion veteran, 55 years of age or over, 50 percent disabled and in need as defined by President. | |
| Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2034). | 34 years | | In determining annual income under par. II (a), pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, payments of war-risk term insurance, U. S. Government life (converted) insurance, and payments under World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, and Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, may not be considered. |
| Act of June 10, 1942 (56 Stat. 350). | 40 years | $40 per month, permanent total disability (pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended). | |
| Act of May 7, 1943 (57 Stat. 78). | 41 years | | Amounts received as overtime compensation or additional compensation for overtime by Government employee may not be considered in determining annual income under pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended. |
| Act of May 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 230). | 42 years | $50 per month, permanent total disability.<br>$60 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$60 per month, permanent and total, age 65 years. | |
| Act of June 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 301). | do | | Sec. 1503 provides that a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable shall be a prerequisite to entitlement to benefits provided by the act of Mar. 20, 1933, as amended. |
| Act of Sept. 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 752). | do | | Pension shall not be payable for any disability due to claimant's own willful misconduct or vicious habits. |
| Act of June 30, 1945 (59 Stat. 305). | 43 years | | Amounts payable under provision of Federal Employees' Pay Act of 1945, other than increases in basic compensation, may not be considered in determining annual income. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908). | 44 years | $60 per month, permanent total disability.<br>$72 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$72 per month, permanent and total, age 65. | Sec. 2 increased by 20 percent all monthly rates of compensation and pension payable to veterans of World War I and World War II and dependents of such veterans which are payable under any law or regulation administered by the Veterans' Administration. On applicability of this law to rates payable to Spanish-American War veterans under pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), see opinion of the Solicitor dated Aug. 26, 1946 (87 Solicitor 645). Sec. 1 provides, with certain exceptions, that the pension of single veterans without dependents, being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration, shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh month. If treatment extends beyond that period, the pension, if less than $30, shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater. Amounts withheld are payable upon termination of treatment subject to certain conditions. It also provides that in any case where the estate of any such veteran, who is incompetent, reaches $1,500, further payments of pension will not be made until the estate is reduced to $500. |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
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| War with Spain—Continued | | | |
| *Act of Mar. 20, 1933*—Continued | | | |
| Act of Aug. 1, 1949 (63 Stat. 484) | 47 years | | Requires payment to veteran, 6 months following recovery of competency, of pension withheld under act of Aug. 8, 1946, notwithstanding limitation in that act precluding payment of such sums where incompetent veteran's estate reaches $1,500. |
| Act of Aug. 4, 1951 (65 Stat. 174) | 49 years | Sec. 5 repealed the $15 monthly rates provided by the Veterans Regulations and the act of June 16, 1933. | |
| Act of Sept. 18, 1951 (65 Stat. 325). | do | $60 per month, permanent total disability<br>$72 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$72 per month, permanent and total, age 65.<br>$120 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Effective Nov. 1, 1951, $120 payable to veteran otherwise eligible under pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, who is so helpless or blind as to need regular aid or attendance of another person. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90) | 50 years | $63 per month, permanent total disability<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$129 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increase effective July 1, 1952. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91) | do | | Effective July 1, 1952, pension provided by pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, subject to annual income limitation of $1,400 as to any unmarried person or $2,700 as to any married person or any person with minor children. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | 52 years | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |
| Act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25) | 55 years | | Effective June 1, 1957, prohibits payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorizes payment to designated dependents where the veteran is denied pension under the act. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.). | do | | This act repealed, effective Jan. 1, 1958, the provisions of pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, with certain savings provisions. |
| **World War I (Apr. 6, 1917–Nov. 11, 1918):** | | | |
| Act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1016) | 12 years | $12 per month, 25 percent permanent disability<br>$18 per month, 50 percent permanent disability.<br>$24 per month, 75 percent permanent disability.<br>$40 per month, total permanent disability. | 90 days' or more service in World War I, entered service prior to Nov. 11, 1918, honorable discharge. Willful misconduct a bar. Not payable to person not entitled to exemption from payment of Federal income tax for year preceding filing of application. |
| Act of Mar. 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 8), and Veterans Regulations (38 U. S. C., ch. 12) World War I, Apr. 6, 1917–Nov. 11, 1918. | 15 years | | Sec. 17 of the act of Mar. 20, 1933, repealed, effective July 1, 1933, the disability allowance provided by the act of July 3, 1930. |
| | | $20 per month, permanent total disability (Vets. Reg. No. 1, Mar. 31, 1933).<br>$30 per month, permanent total disability (Vets. Reg. No. 1 (a), June 6, 1933). | In active service 90 days or more before cessation of hostilities; honorable discharge; World War I deemed to have ended Nov. 11, 1918, not requisite that 90 days' service be completed before cessation of hostilities provided person entered service before cessation of hostilities and served continuously thereafter for 90 days or had continuous service for 90 days which commenced prior to and extended into period of hostilities. Misconduct bars pension. Pension subject to annual limitation of $1,000 as to person unmarried or $2,500 as to married person or person with minor children.<br>Any disabled veteran entitled to pension for non-service-connected disability having neither wife, child, nor dependent parent who is being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the United States or any political subdivision thereof, shall not receive pension in excess of $6 per month (Vets. Reg. No. 6, Mar. 31, 1933, as amended). |
| | | $30 per month, permanent total disability (Vets. Reg. No. 1 (c), Jan. 19, 1934). | Eligibility requirements liberalized to include persons who served less than 90 days and discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty. |
| Act of Aug. 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 869) | 17 years | | World War I deemed to have ended Apr. 1, 1920, for persons who served with United States military forces in Russia, for purpose of payment of pension for disability not incurred in service. |
| Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2034) | 18 years | | In determining annual income under par. II (a), pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, payments of war-risk term insurance, U. S. Government life (converted) insurance and payments under World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, and Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, may not be considered. |
| Act of Aug. 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 661) | 19 years | | Reenlistment on or after Nov. 12, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, where there was prior service between Apr. 6, 1917, and Nov. 11, 1918, considered World War I service. |
| Act of June 10, 1942 (56 Stat. 350) | 24 years | $40 per month, permanent total disability (pt. III, Vets. Reg. No. 1 (a), as amended). | |
| Act of May 7, 1943 (57 Stat. 78) | 25 years | | Amounts received as overtime compensation or additional compensation for overtime by Government employee may not be considered in determining annual income. |
| Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 557) | 25 years | | The amount payable to a veteran in receipt of pension for non-service-connected disability who is without wife, child, or dependent parent and who is being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the United States or any political subdivision thereof, shall not exceed $8. |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
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| **World War I**—Continued | | | |
| Act of May 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 230) | 26 years | $50 per month, permanent total disability<br>$60 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$60 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years. | |
| Act of June 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 301) | do | | Sec. 1503 provides that a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable shall be a prerequisite to entitlement to benefits provided by the act of Mar. 20, 1933, as amended. |
| Act of Sept. 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 752) | do | | Pension shall not be payable for any disability due to claimant's own willful misconduct or vicious habits. |
| Act of June 30, 1945 (59 Stat. 305) | 27 years | | Amounts payable under provisions of Federal Employees' Pay Act of 1945, other than increases in basic compensation, may not be considered in determining annual income. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908) | 28 years | $60 per month, permanent total disability<br>$72 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$72 per month, permanent and total, age 65 years | Sec. 1 provides, with certain exceptions, that the pension of single veterans without dependents, being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration, shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh month. If treatment extends beyond that period, the pension, if less than $30, shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater. Amounts withheld are payable upon termination of treatment subject to certain conditions. It also provides that in any case where the estate of any such veteran, who is incompetent, reaches $1,500, further payments of pension will not be made until the estate is reduced to $500. |
| Act of Aug. 1, 1949 (63 Stat. 484) | 31 years | | Requires payment to veteran, 6 months following recovery of competency, of pension withheld under act of Aug. 8, 1946, notwithstanding limitation in that act precluding payment of such sums where incompetent veteran's estate reaches $1,500. |
| Act of Sept. 18, 1951 (65 Stat. 325) | 33 years | $120 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Effective Nov. 1, 1951, $120 payable to veteran otherwise eligible under pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, who is so helpless or blind as to need regular aid and attendance of another person. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90) | 34 years | $63 per month, permanent total disability<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$129 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increase effective July 1, 1952. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91) | do | | Effective July 1, 1952, pension provided by pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, subject to annual income limitation of $1,400 as to any unmarried person or $2,700 as to any married person or any person with minor children. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916) | 36 years | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |
| Act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25) | 39 years | | Effective June 1, 1957, prohibits payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorizes payment to designated dependents where the veteran is denied pension under the act. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.) [2] (World War I: Apr. 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918; to Apr. 1, 1920, if service in Russia; or to July 1, 1921, if service during 1917–18 period). | do | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Service in active military, naval, or air service for 90 days or more during World War I, or discharge for service-connected disability, and a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable. Existence of permanent-total non-service-connected disability not the result of willful misconduct or vicious habits. Pension subject to annual income limitations of $1,400 with respect to unmarried veteran or $2,700 with respect to married veteran or any veteran with children. Prior provisions relating to withholding of payments during hospitalization, penal institution bar to payment, and exclusions in determining income are continued. (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Sept. 7, 1957, below.) |
| Act of Sept. 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 632) | do | | Payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service, shall not be considered in determining annual income. |
| **World War II** (Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946): | | | |
| Act of May 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 230) | War not ended | $50 per month, permanent total disability<br>$60 per month, permanently and totally disabled and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$60 per month, permanently and totally disabled and age 65 years. | Same as World War I except period extends from on or after Dec. 7, 1941, to termination of hostilities incident to present war as determined by proclamation of the President or by concurrent resolution of the Congress. |
| Act of June 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 301) | do | | Sec. 1503 provides that a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable shall be a prerequisite to entitlement to benefits provided by the act of Mar. 20, 1933, as amended. |
| Act of Sept. 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 752) | do | | Pension shall not be payable for any disability due to claimant's own willful misconduct or vicious habits. |
| Act of June 30, 1945 (59 Stat. 305) | do | | Amounts payable under provisions of Federal Employees' Pay Act of 1945, other than increases in basic compensation; may not be considered in determining annual income. |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
|---|---|---|---|
| **World War II**—Continued | | | |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908) | War not over | $60 per month, permanent total disability<br>$72 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$72 per month, permanent and total disability, and age 65. | Sec. 1 provides, with certain exceptions, that the pension of single veterans without dependents, being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration, shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh month. If treatment extends beyond that period, the pension, if less than $30, shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater. Amounts withheld are payable upon termination of treatment subject to certain conditions. It also provides that in any case where the estate of any such veteran, who is in competent, reaches $1,500, further payments of pension will not be made until the estate is reduced to $500. |
| Proclamation of Dec. 31, 1946, Presidential Proclamation No. 2714. | | | Established, noon Dec. 31, 1946, as the termination of hostilities in World War II. |
| Act of Aug. 1, 1949 (63 Stat. 484) | 3 years | | Requires payment to veteran, 6 months following recovery of competency, of pension withheld under act of Aug. 8, 1946, notwithstanding limitation in that act precluding payment of such sums where incompetent veteran's estate reaches $1,500. |
| Act of Sept. 18, 1951 (65 Stat. 325) | 5 years | $120 per month, helpless or blind, requiring regular aid and attendance. | Effective Nov. 1, 1951, $120 payable to veteran otherwise eligible under pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1, (a), as amended, who is so helpless or blind as to need regular aid and attendance of another person. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90) | 6 years | $63 per month, permanent total disability<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$129 per month, helpless or blind or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increase effective July 1, 1952. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91) | do | | Effective July 1, 1952, pension provided by part III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, subject to annual income limitation of $1,400 as to any unmarried person or $2,700 as to any married person or any person with minor children. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916) | 8 years | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |
| Act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25) | 11 years | | Effective June 1, 1957, prohibits payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorizes payment to designated dependents where the veteran is denied pension under the act. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.)[2] (World War II: Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946). | do | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Service in active military, naval, or air service for 90 days or more during World War II, or discharge for service-connected disability, and a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable. Existence of permanent-total non-service-connected disability not the result of willful misconduct or vicious habits. Pension subject to annual income limitations of $1,400 with respect to unmarried veteran or $2,700 with respect to married veteran or any veteran with children. Prior provisions relating to withholding of payments during hospitalization, penal institution bar to payment, and exclusions in determining income are continued. (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Sept. 7, 1957, below.) |
| Act of Sept. 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 632) | do | | Payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service, shall not be considered in determining annual income. |
| **Korean conflict** (June 27, 1950–Jan. 31, 1955): | | | |
| Act of May 11, 1951 (65 Stat. 40) | Period not ended. | $60 per month, permanent total disability<br>$72 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$72 per month, permanent and total disability, and age 65. | Same as World War II except period extends from June 27, 1950, and prior to a date to be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress. |
| Act of Sept. 18, 1951 (65 Stat. 325) | do | $120 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Effective Nov. 1, 1951, $120 payable to veteran otherwise eligible under part III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, who is so helpless or blind as to need regular aid and attendance of another person. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90) | do | $63 per month, permanent total disability<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$129 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increase effective July 1, 1952. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91) | do | | Effective July 1, 1952, pension provided by part III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, subject to annual income limitation of $1,400 as to any unmarried person or $2,700 as to any married person or any person with minor children. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916) | do | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Increased by 5 percent effective Oct. 1, 1954, monthly rates of pension payable to veterans and their dependents. |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rates | Eligibility and limitations |
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| **Korean conflict**—Continued | | | |
| Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1955, Presidential Proclamation No. 3080. | | | Established Jan. 31, 1955, as the terminal date of the Korean conflict period. |
| Act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25) | 2 years | | Effective June 1, 1957, prohibits payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorizes payment to designated dependents where the veteran is denied pension under the act. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83 et seq.)[2] (Korean conflict: June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955). | do | $66.15 per month, permanent total disability<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of 10 years.<br>$78.75 per month, permanent total disability and age 65 years.<br>$135.45 per month, helpless or blind, or so nearly so as to require regular aid and attendance. | Service in active military, naval, or air service for 90 days or more during Korean conflict, or discharge for service-connected disability, and a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable. Existence of permanent-total non-service-connected disability not the result of willful misconduct or vicious habits. Pension subject to annual income limitations of $1,400 with respect to unmarried veteran or $2,700 with respect to married veteran or any veteran with children. Prior provisions relating to withholding of payments during hospitalization, penal institution bar to payment, and exclusions in determining income are continued. (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Sept. 7, 1957, below.) |
| Act of Sept. 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 632) | do | | Payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service, shall not be considered in determining annual income. |

[1] Sec. 18 of the act of Mar. 20, 1933 (38 U. S. C., sec. 719), reduced, by 10 percent, the amount of pension payable to veterans of wars prior to the Spanish-American War, during the period July 1, 1933, to June 30, 1934. Pursuant to sec. 21 (c) of the act of Mar. 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 521), the rates were reduced by 5 percent, effective July 1, 1934. This reduction was discontinued, effective Apr. 1, 1935, by the provisions of sec. 2 of the act of Feb. 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 24).

[2] The Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.), effective Jan. 1, 1958, repealed existing laws relating to pension benefits and restated them, with certain substantive changes as indicated, parenthetically, in the appropriate column.

[3] Veterans of the Spanish-American War entitled to payment of pension under both the service pension laws and the act of Mar. 20, 1933, as amended and supplemented, were paid the greater benefit, unless the claimant otherwise elected.

NOTE.—Act of July 9, 1946 (60 Stat. 524), provided that Veterans' Administration monetary benefits, other than retirement pay, for service-connected disability or death shall be designated "compensation" and not "pension." Sec. 101 (16) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 (71 Stat. 90), defined "pension" as a monthly payment by the Veterans' Administration to a veteran because of service, age, or non-service-connected disability, or to a widow or child of a veteran because of the non-service-connected death of the veteran.

## HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF VETERANS OF THE INDIAN WARS, CIVIL WAR, SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, WORLD WARS I AND II, AND KOREAN CONFLICT, INCLUDING RATES AND CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF ENTITLEMENT

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rate for widow or widow with child | Rate for child (no widow) | Interval between end of period and delimiting marriage date | Income and dependency limitations |
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| **Indian wars:** | | | | | |
| 1832–42: Act of July 27, 1892 (27 Stat. 281). | 50 years | $8 widow only | No provision | No limitation on marriage date. | No income limitation. |
| 1817–58: Act of Apr. 19, 1908 (35 Stat. 64). | do | $12 widow only | do | do | Do. |
| 1859–91: Act of Mar. 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1199). | 26 years | do | do | 26 years (Mar. 3, 1917) | Do. |
| Jan. 1, 1817–Dec. 31, 1898: | | | | | |
| Act of Mar. 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1362). | 29 years | $30<br>$6, additional for each child. (See footnote 1.) | $36<br>$6, for each additional child. (See footnote 1.) | 19 years (Mar. 3, 1917) | Do. |
| Act of Mar. 3, 1944 (58 Stat. 109). | 46 years | $30<br>$40, age 70 years.<br>$50, wife during service.<br>$6, additional for each child. | $36<br>$6, for each additional child. | 19 years (Mar. 3, 1917). (Alternative requirement: Widow must be 60 years of age, married to veteran 10 or more years prior to death and lived with him continuously except for separation without fault of widow, and not remarried.) | As to alternative requirement, widow not entitled if pension has been granted to a child or children not cared for by her. No income limitation, but must be in dependent circumstances. |
| Act of Jan. 19, 1948 (62 Stat. 4). | 50 years | $36<br>48, age 70 or over.<br>$60, wife during service.<br>$7.20, additional for each child. | $43.20<br>$7.20 for each additional child. | do | Do. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90). | 54 years | $38.70<br>$51.60, age 70 or over.<br>$64.50, wife during service.<br>$7.74, additional for each child. | $46.44<br>$7.74, for each additional child. | do | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | 56 years | $40.64<br>$54.18, age 70 or over.<br>$67.73, wife during service.<br>$8.13, additional for each child.<br>(See footnote 6.) | $48.77<br>$8.13, for each additional child.<br>(See footnote 6.) | do | Do. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.? (Indian wars: Jan. 1, 1817–Dec. 31, 1898). | 59 years | $40.64<br>$54.18, age 70 or over.<br>$67.73, wife during service.<br>$8.13, additional for each child. | $48.77<br>$8.13, for each additional child. | 19 years (Mar. 3, 1917). (Alternative requirement: Married 10 or more years to the veteran.) (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Aug. 28, 1957, below.) | None. (Major change: Eliminated dependency and age requirement in cases of marriage after Mar. 3, 1917.) |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486). | do | | | 19 years (Mar. 3, 1917). (Alternative requirement: Married 5 or more years to the veteran or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage.) (See footnote 8.) | Do. |
| **Civil War** (Mar. 4, 1861–Aug. 20, 1866): | | | | | |
| Act of June 27, 1890 (26 Stat. 182). | 24 years | $8 plus $2 for each child | $10 (widow's rate, plus $2) | 24 years (June 26, 1890) | No means of support other than daily labor or has minor child or children under age 16. |
| Act of May 9, 1900 (31 Stat. 171). | 34 years | do | do | do | No means of support other than daily labor and net annual income of not exceeding $250, or has minor children under age 16. |
| Act of Apr. 19, 1908 (35 Stat. 64) | 42 years | $12 plus $2 for each child | $12 (minimum)<br>$14 (widow's rate, plus $2). | do | Previous restrictions eliminated. |
| Act of Sept. 8, 1916 (39 Stat. 845). | 50 years | do<br>$20 plus $2 for each child | $14 (widow's rate, plus $2) minimum rate $12.<br>$22 (widow's rate, plus $2) | Extended to 39 years (June 26, 1905).<br>Age 70 or wife during service. | No income limitation. |
| Act of Oct. 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 408). | 51 years | $25 plus $2 for each child | $27 (widow's rate, plus $2) | 39 years | Do. |
| Act of May 1, 1920 (41 Stat. 586) | 54 years | $30 plus $6 for each child | $36 (widow's rate, plus $6) | do | Do. |
| Act of July 3, 1926 (44 Stat. 806) | 60 years | $50 plus $6 for each child | $36 (widow's rate, not to exceed $30, plus $6). | Must have been wife during veteran's service. | Do. |
| Act of May 23, 1928 (45 Stat. 714). | 62 years | $40 plus $6 for each child | do | 39 years; widow must be 75 years old. | Do. |
| Act of June 9, 1930 (46 Stat. 529). | 64 years | do<br>(See footnote 1.) | do<br>(See footnote 1.) | 39 years; widow must be 70 years old. | Do. |
| Act of Dec. 8, 1944 (58 Stat. 797). | 78 years | $30 plus $6 for each child (widow must be over 60 years of age).<br>$40 plus $6 for each child (widow must be 70 years of age). | $36 (widow's rate, plus $6) | 39 years (June 26, 1905). (Alternative requirement: Widow must be 60 years of age, married to veteran 10 or more years prior to death and lived with him continuously except for separation without fault of widow, and not remarried.) | As to alternative requirement, widow not entitled if pension has been granted to child or children not cared for by her. No income limitation, but must be in dependent circumstances. |

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*Historical development of pensions for widows and children of veterans of the Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Korean conflict, including rates and certain elements of entitlement*—Continued

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rate for widow or widow with child | Rate for child (no widow) | Interval between end of period and delimiting marriage date | Income and dependency limitations |
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| **Civil War**—Continued | | | | | |
| Act of July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 610). | 81 years | $36<br>$48, age 70 or over.<br>$60, wife during service.<br>$7.20, additional for each child. | $43.20<br>$7.20, for each additional child. | 39 years (June 26, 1905). (Alternative requirement: Widow must be 60 years of age, married to veteran 10 or more years prior to death and lived with him continuously except for separation without fault of widow, and not remarried.) | As to alternate requirement, widow not entitled if pension has been granted to child or children not cared for by her. No income limitation, but must be in dependent circumstances. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90). | 86 years | $38.70<br>$51.60, age 70 or over.<br>$64.50, wife during service.<br>$7.74, additional for each child. | $46.44<br>$7.74, for each additional child. | do | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | 88 years | $40.64<br>$54.18, age 70 or over.<br>$67.73, wife during service.<br>$8.13, additional for each child.<br>(See footnote 6.) | $48.77<br>$8.13, for each additional child.<br>(See footnote 6.) | do | Do. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.)[7] (Civil War: Mar. 4, 1861–Aug. 20, 1866). | 91 years | $40.64<br>$54.18, age 70 or over.<br>$67.73, wife during service.<br>$8.13, additional for each child. | $48.77<br>$8.13, for each additional child. | 39 years (June 26, 1905). (Alternative requirement: Married 10 or more years to the veteran.) (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Aug. 28, 1957, below.) | None. (Major change: Eliminated dependency and age requirement in cases of marriage after June 26, 1905.) |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486). | do | | | 39 years (June 26, 1905). (Alternative requirement: Married 5 or more years to the veteran or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage). (See footnote 8.) | Do. |
| **Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion:** | | | | | |
| *Service pension laws:*[9] Spanish-American War (Apr. 21, 1898–Apr. 11, 1899), Philippine Insurrection (Apr. 12, 1899–July 4, 1902), Boxer Rebellion (June 16, 1900–May 12, 1901): | | | | | |
| Act of July 16, 1918 (40 Stat. 903). | 16 years | $12 plus $2 for each child | $14 (widow's rate, plus $2) | 16 years (July 15, 1918) | No means of support other than daily labor; income not over $250 per annum, or has minor children under age 16. |
| Act of Sept. 1, 1922 (42 Stat. 834). | 20 years | $20 plus $4 for each child | $24 (widow's rate, plus $4) | 20 years (Aug. 31, 1922) | Previous restrictions eliminated. |
| Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382). | 24 years | $30 plus $6 for each child | $36 (widow's rate, plus $6) | do | No income limitation. |
| Act of Mar. 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 11). | 31 years | Sec. 17 repealed all public laws granting non-service-connected pension to veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion and their dependents. | | | |
| Act of Mar. 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 525). | 32 years | $22.50 plus $4.50 for each child. | $27 (widow's rate, plus $4.50) | 20 years (Aug. 31, 1922) | Widow must be exempt from Federal income tax for preceding year. |
| Act of May 1, 1926, as reenacted by act of Aug. 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 614). | 33 years | $30 plus $6 for each child | $36 (widow's rate, plus $6) | do | No income limitation. |
| Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 554). | 41 years | | $15, 1 child from age 16<br>$22, 2 children from age 16.<br>$30, 3 children from age 16.<br>$3, each additional child from age 16.<br>$64, limitation on amount from age 16. | | Do. |
| Act of Mar. 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 107). | 42 years | $40, age 65 years<br>$50, wife during service.<br>$6, additional for each child. | | 36 years (Dec. 31, 1937) | Do. |
| Act of May 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 230). | do | | $18, 1 child from age 16<br>$27, 2 children from age 16 (equally divided).<br>$36, 3 children from age 16 (equally divided).<br>$4 each additional child; total amount equally divided.<br>$64 limit. | | Do. |
| Act of Dec. 14, 1944 (58 Stat. 803). | do | | Same as act of May 27, 1944<br>$74 limitation on amount. | | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 864). | 44 years | $40 | No provision. (If no widow, child takes widow's rate plus $6 to age 16. Act of May 1, 1926.) | 36 years (Dec. 31, 1937) | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908). | do | | $21.60, 1 child from age 16<br>$32.40, 2 children from age 16 (equally divided).<br>$43.20, 3 children from age 16 (equally divided).<br>$4.80 each additional child (equally divided). | | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 931). | do | | Repealed limitations on amount of death pension payable to children, from age 16. | | |
| Act of July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 610). | 45 years | $48<br>$60, wife during service<br>$7.20, additional for each child. | $55.20, 1 child (to age 16)<br>$7.20, each additional child (to age 16), total equally divided.<br>$25.92, 1 child (age 16 or over).<br>$38.88, 2 children (age 16 or over).<br>$51.84, 3 children (age 16 or over).<br>$5.76, each additional child (age 16 or over), total equally divided. | 36 years (Dec. 31, 1937) | Do. |

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*Historical development of pensions for widows and children of veterans of the Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Korean conflict, including rates and certain elements of entitlement*—Continued

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rate for widow or widow with child | Rate for child (no widow) | Interval between end of period and delimiting marriage date | Income and dependency limitations |
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| **Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection Boxer Rebellion**—Continued | | | | | |
| *Service pension laws*—Contd. | | | | | |
| Act of June 24, 1948 (62 Stat. 645). | 46 years | $48, widow only.<br>$55.20, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.20 each additional child. | | 36 years (Dec. 31, 1937). (Alternative requirement: Widow must be 60 years of age, married to veteran 10 or more years prior to death and lived with him continuously except for separation without fault of widow, and not remarried.) | As to alternative requirement, widow not entitled if pension has been granted to a child or children not cared for by her. No income limitation, but must be in dependent circumstances. |
| Act of Aug. 4, 1951 (65 Stat. 174). (Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion, Apr. 21, 1898–July 4, 1902; Moro Province, July 15, 1903). | 49 years | | | do | Effective Oct. 1, 1951, in determining eligibility to pension under the service pension laws reenacted by the act of Aug. 13, 1935, as amended and supplemented, delimiting dates of the War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion shall be as noted in first column: in computing active service there shall be counted continuous active service which commenced prior to and extended into the applicable periods, or which commenced within the applicable periods; and a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable shall be a prerequisite. The service pension laws have no income or dependency requirements with respect to those widows who married prior to Jan. 1, 1938, but do set forth a dependency requirement applying to widows who married on and after Jan. 1, 1938. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90). | 50 years | $51.60.<br>$64.50, wife during service.<br>$7.74, additional for each child. | $59.34, 1 child (to age 16).<br>$7.74, each additional child (to age 16), total equally divided.<br>$26, 1 child (age 16 or over).<br>$39, 2 children (age 16 or over).<br>$52, 3 children (age 16 or over).<br>$7.20, each additional child (age 16 or over), total equally divided. | do | As to alternative requirement, widow not entitled if pension has been granted to child or children not cared for by her. No income limitation, but must be in dependent circumstances. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | 52 years | $54.18.<br>$67.73, wife during service.<br>$8.13, additional for each child. | $62.31, 1 child (to age 16).<br>$8.13, each additional child (to age 16), total equally divided.<br>$27.30, 1 child (age 16 or over).<br>$40.95, 2 children (age 16 or over).<br>$54.60, 3 children (age 16 or over).<br>$7.56, each additional child (age 16 or over) total equally divided. | do | Do. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.)[7] (Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, or Boxer Rebellion, Apr. 21, 1898–July 4, 1902, Moro Province, July 15, 1903.) | 55 years | (See footnote 6.)<br>$54.18.<br>$67.73, wife during service.<br>$8.13, additional for each child. | (See footnote 6.)<br>$62.31, 1 child.<br>$8.13, each additional child, total equally divided. (Major change: Increased rates for children over age 16.) | 36 years (Dec. 31, 1937). (Alternative requirement: Married 10 or more years to the veteran. Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Aug. 28, 1957, below.) | None. (Major change: Eliminated dependency and age requirement in cases of marriage after Dec. 31, 1937.) |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486). | do | | | 36 years (Dec. 31, 1937.) (Alternative requirement: Married 5 or more years to the veteran or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage.) (See footnote 8.) | |
| ***Act of Mar. 20, 1933, as amended and supplemented:***[1] Spanish-American War (Apr. 21–Aug. 12, 1898), Philippine Insurrection (Aug. 13, 1898–July 4, 1902, or July 15, 1903, Moro Province), Boxer Rebellion (June 20, 1900–May 12, 1901). | | | | | |
| Par. III, pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended (act of Mar. 20, 1933) (48 Stat. 8). | 31 years | $15 plus $5 for 1 child with $3 each additional child. $27 limit. | $12, 1 child.<br>$15, 2 children, equally divided.<br>$20, 3 children, equally divided, with $2, each additional ch' '; $27 limit. | 20 years | Payment of pension shall not be made to any unmarried person whose annual income exceeds $1,000 or to any married person or any person with minor children whose annual income exceeds $2,500. |
| Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2031). | 34 years | | | do | In determining annual income, payments of war-risk term insurance, U. S. Government life (converted) insurance, and payments under World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, and Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, may not be considered. |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rate for widow or widow with child | Rate for child (no widow) | Interval between end of period and delimiting marriage date | Income and dependency limitations |
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| **Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion**—Continued | | | | | |
| *Act of Mar. 20, 1933*—Con. | | | | | |
| Act of May 7, 1943 (57 Stat. 75). | 41 years | | | do | Amounts received as overtime compensation or additional compensation for overtime by Government employee may not be considered in determining annual income. |
| Act of June 30, 1945 (59 Stat. 305). | 43 years | | | do | Amounts payable under provisions of Federal Employees' Pay Act of 1945, other than increases in basic compensation, may not be considered in determining annual income. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 931). | 44 years | Repealed limitations on amount of death pension payable to widows and children. | | do | |
| Act of Aug. 4, 1951 (65 Stat. 175). | 49 years | Sec. 5 repealed par. III, pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended. | | | |
| **World War I**[3] (Apr. 6, 1917–Nov. 11, 1918, or to Apr. 2, 1920, service in Russia): | | | | | |
| Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1281). | 16 years | $22, widow only<br>$30, widow, 1 child.<br>$4, each additional child.<br>$56 limit. | $15, 1 child<br>$22, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$30, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$3, each additional child (total equally divided).<br>$56, limit. | 13 years (July 2, 1931) | Must be exempt from Federal income tax, for preceding year. |
| Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2031). | 18 years | $22, widow only<br>$30, widow, 1 child.<br>$4, each additional child.<br>$56 limit. | $15, 1 child<br>$22, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$30, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$3, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$56 limit. | do | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 660) (a reenlistment on or after Nov. 12, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, where prior service Apr. 6, 1917–Nov. 11, 1918, considered World War I service). | 19 years | $22, widow only<br>$30, widow, 1 child.<br>$4, each additional child.<br>$56, limit. | $15, 1 child<br>$22, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$30, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$3, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$56, limit. | A. 13 years (July 2, 1931)<br>B. Married to person who served prior to or during period of service.<br>C. Married to person who served at any time provided child born of marriage. | Do. |
| Act of May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 352). | 20 years | $22, widow only<br>$30, widow, 1 child.<br>$4, each additional child.<br>$56, limit. | $15, 1 child<br>$22, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$30, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$3, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$56, limit. | 20 years (May 12, 1938) | Do. |
| Act of July 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 1068). | 21 years | $30, widow only<br>$38, widow, 1 child.<br>$4, each additional child.<br>$64, limit. | $15, 1 child<br>$22, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$30, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$3, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$64, limit. | 20 years (May 12, 1938) | Pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,000, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,500.<br>In determining annual income, payments of war-risk term insurance, U. S. Government life (converted) insurance, and payments under World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, and Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, as amended, may not be considered. |
| Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 554). | 25 years | $30, widow only<br>$38, widow, 1 child.<br>$4, each additional child.<br>$64, limit. | $15, 1 child<br>$22, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$30, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$3, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$64, limit. | 20 years (May 12, 1938) | In determining annual income, any payments by the U. S. Government because of disability or death under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration may not be considered. |
| Act of May 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 229). | 26 years | $35, widow only<br>$45, widow, 1 child.<br>$5, each additional child.<br>$64, total limit. | $18, no widow, 1 child<br>$27, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$36, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$64, limit. | do | Do. |
| Act of Dec. 14, 1944 (58 Stat. 803). | do | $35, widow only<br>$45, widow, 1 child.<br>$5, each additional child.<br>$74, total limit. | $18, 1 child<br>$27, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$36, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$74 limit. | 26 years (Dec. 13, 1944) (or 10 or more years to the person who served). | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 931). | do | Repealed limitations on amount of death pension payable to widows and children. | | do | |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908). | 28 years | $42, widow only<br>$54, widow, 1 child.<br>$6, each additional child. | $21.60, 1 child<br>$32.40, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$43.20, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4.80, each additional child (equally divided). | do | Do. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90). | 34 years | $48, widow only<br>$60, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.20, each additional child. | $26, 1 child<br>$39, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$52, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.20, each additional child (total equally divided). | do | (See next law). |

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| | Interval between end of period and law | Rate for widow or widow rr with child | Rate for child (no widow) | Inteval between end of period and delimiting marriage date | Income and dependency limitations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **World War I** [2]—Continued | | | | | |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91). | 34 years | | | do | Effective July 1, 1952, pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,400, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,700. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | 36 years | $50.40, widow only<br>$63, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.56, each additional child. | $27.30, 1 child<br>$40.95, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$54.60, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.56, each additional child, (total equally divided).<br>(See footnote 6.) | do | Do. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.) [7] (World War I: Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918; to Apr. 2, 1920, if service in Russia; or to July 1, 1921, if service during 1917–1918 period). | 39 years | (See footnote 6.)<br>$50.40, widow only<br>$63, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.56, each additional child. | $27.30, 1 child<br>$40.95, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$54.60, 3 children (equally divided.)<br>$7.56, each additional child, (total equally divided). | 26 years (Dec. 13, 1944). (Alternative requirement: Married 10 or more years to the veteran.) (Before Act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of Act of Aug. 28, 1957, below.) | Pension not payable to any widow without child, or to a child, if annual income exceeds $1,400, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,700. (Before Act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of Act of Sept. 7, 1957, below). |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486). | do | | | 26 years (Dec. 13, 1944). (Alternative requirement: Married 5 or more years to the veteran or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage.)<br>(See footnote 8.) | Do. |
| Act of Sept. 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 632). | do | | | do | Payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any Stater Territory, possession, o, Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service, shall not be considered in determining annual income. |
| **World War II** [4] (Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946): | | | | | |
| Act of May 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 229). | War not ended. | $35, widow only<br>$45, widow, 1 child.<br>$5, each additional child.<br>$64, total limit. | $18, no widow, 1 child<br>$27, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$36, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$64 limit. | War not ended. Married to the veteran prior to the expiration of 10 years subsequent to termination of hostilities in present war. | Pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,000 or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,500.<br>The computation of annual income is the same as World War I. |
| Act of Dec. 14, 1944 (58 Stat. 803). | do | $35, widow only<br>$45, widow, 1 child.<br>$5, each additional child.<br>$74, total limit. | $18, no widow, 1 child<br>$27, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$36, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4, each additional child (equally divided).<br>$74 limit. | do | Do. |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 931). | do | Repealed limitations on amount of death pension payable to widows and children. | | do | |
| Act of Aug. 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 908). | do | $42, widow only<br>$54, widow, 1 child.<br>$6, each additional child. | $21.60, 1 child<br>$32.40, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$43.20, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4.80, each additional child (equally divided). | do | Do. |
| Proclamation of Dec. 31, 1946, Presidential Proclamation No. 2714. | | | | Established noon, Dec. 31, 1946, as the termination of hostilities in World War II. | |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90). | 6 years | $48, widow only<br>$60, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.20, each additional child. | $26, 1 child<br>$39, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$52, 3 children (equally divided)<br>$7.20, each additional child (total equally divided). | 10 years (Dec 31, 1956) | (See next law). |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91). | 6 years | | | 10 years (Dec. 31, 1956) | Effective July 1, 1952, pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,400, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,700. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | 8 years | $50.40, widow only<br>$63, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.56, each additional child.<br>(See footnote 6.) | $27.30, 1 child<br>$40.95, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$54.60, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.56, each additional child (total equally divided).<br>(See footnote 6.) | do | Do. |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.) [7] (World War II: Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946). | 11 years | $50.40, widow only<br>$63, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.56, each additional child. | $27.30, 1 child<br>$40.95, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$54.60, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.56, each additional child (total equally divided). | 10 years (Dec. 31, 1956). (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Aug. 28, 1957, below.) | Pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,400, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,700. (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Sept. 7, 1957, below.) |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486). | do | | | 10 years (Dec. 31, 1956). (Alternative requirement: Married 5 or more years to the veteran or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage.)<br>(See footnote 8.) | Do. |

See footnotes at end of table, p. 15.

*Historical development of pensions for widows and children of veterans of the Indian wars, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Korean conflict, including rates and certain elements of entitlement*—Continued

| | Interval between end of period and law | Rate for widow or widow with child | Rate for child (no widow) | Interval between end of period and delimiting marriage date | Income and dependency limitations |
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| **World War II** [4]—Continued | | | | | |
| Act of Sept. 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 632). | 11 years | | | do | Payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service, shall not be considered in determining annual income. |
| **Korean conflict** [5] **(June 27, 1950–Jan. 31, 1955):** | | | | | |
| Act of May 11, 1951 (65 Stat. 40). | Period not ended. | $42, widow only.<br>$54, widow, 1 child.<br>$6, each additional child. | $21.60, 1 child.<br>$32.40, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$43.20, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$4.80, each additional child (total equally divided). | Period not ended. (Married to the veteran prior to the expiration of 10 years subsequent to such future date as may be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress.) | Pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,000, or to a widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,500.<br>The computation of annual income is the same as World War II. |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 90). | do | $48, widow only.<br>$60, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.20, each additional child. | $26, 1 child.<br>$39, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$52, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.20, each additional child (total equally divided). | do | (See next law). |
| Act of May 23, 1952 (66 Stat. 91). | do | | | do | Effective July 1, 1952, pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,400, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,700. |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 916). | do | $50.40, widow only.<br>$63, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.56, each additional child. | $27.30, 1 child.<br>$40.95, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$54.60, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.56, each additional child (total equally divided). | do | Do. |
| Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1955, Presidential Proclamation No. 3080. | | (See footnote 6.) | (See footnote 6.) | Established Jan. 31, 1955, as the terminal date of the Korean conflict period. | |
| Act of June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.) [7] (Korean conflict: June 27, 1950–Jan. 31, 1955). | 2 years | $50.40, widow only.<br>$63, widow, 1 child.<br>$7.56, each additional child. | $27.30, 1 child.<br>$40.95, 2 children (equally divided).<br>$54.60, 3 children (equally divided).<br>$7.56, each additional child (total equally divided). | 10 years (Jan. 31, 1965). (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Aug. 28, 1957, below.) | Pension not payable to any widow without child, or a child, if annual income exceeds $1,400, or to widow with child or children if annual income exceeds $2,700. (Before act became operative, it was amended to embody provisions of act of Sept. 7, 1957, below.) |
| Act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486). | do | | | 10 years (Jan. 31, 1965). (Alternative requirement: Married 5 or more years to the veteran or for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage.) (See footnote 8.) | Do. |
| Act of Sept. 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 632). | do | | | do | Payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service, shall not be considered in determining annual income. |

[1] Sec. 18 of the act of Mar. 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 12), reduced, by 10 percent, the amount of pension payable to the dependents of veterans of wars prior to the Spanish-American War, during the period July 1, 1933, to June 30, 1934. Pursuant to sec. 21 (c) of the act of Mar. 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 521), the rates were reduced by 5 percent, effective July 1, 1934. This reduction was discontinued, effective Apr. 1, 1935, by the provisions of sec. 2 of the act of Feb 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 24).

[2] The dependents of veterans of the Spanish-American War, who were entitled to pension under both the service pension laws and par. III, pt. III, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended (prior to the repeal of par. III by the act of Aug. 4, 1951), were paid the greater benefit, unless the claimant otherwise elected.

[3] Originally, veteran must have had service-connected disability at time of death, to permit payment of compensation for non-service-connected death. Act of June 28, 1934, required service-connected disability, 30 percent or more, directly incurred or aggravated by service. Act of June 29, 1936, required service-connected disability, 30 percent or more, presumptively or directly incurred or aggravated by service. Act of Aug. 16, 1937, required service-connected disability, 20 percent or more, presumptively or directly incurred or aggravated by service. Act of May 13, 1938, required service-connected disability, 10 percent or more, presumptively or directly incurred or aggravated by service. Act of July 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 1067), required service-connected disability, directly or presumptively incurred or aggravated by service for which compensation would be payable if 10 percent or more in degree. All of the foregoing acts required service of 90 days or more and an honorable discharge, or if less than 90 days' service, discharge for disability incurred in service in line of duty. Act of July 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 1067), grants death pension in cases where service connection for paralysis, paresis, blindness, or helplessness is or would have been reestablished under other provisions of the act. Act of June 22, 1944, substitutes requirement of discharge under conditions other than dishonorable for requirement of honorable discharge. Act of Dec. 14, 1944, removes requirement as to service-connected disability where there was service of 90 days, or less than 90 days if discharged for disability.

[4] To permit the payment of pension for non-service-connected death, act of Dec. 14, 1944, required that at time of death veteran must have been receiving, or entitled to receive, pension, compensation, or retirement pay for disability incurred in service or, having served 90 days or more during the stated periods and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable (or less than 90 days, discharged for disability incurred in line of duty), had at time of death a disability due to service for which compensation would be payable if 10 percent or more in degree.

[5] The act of May 11, 1951, authorized, for the dependents of persons who serve on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress, the same death pension as is provided for the dependents of World War II veterans.

[6] The act of Apr. 25, 1957 (71 Stat. 25), effective June 1, 1957, prohibited payment of pension to any person while imprisoned in penal institution as result of conviction of felony or misdemeanor, the suspension of payment to begin on 61st day of imprisonment. Sec. 2 authorized payment to designated dependents the pension otherwise payable to person imprisoned.

[7] The Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 (71 Stat. 83, et seq.), effective Jan. 1, 1958, repealed existing laws relating to pension benefits and restated them. Where substantive changes relating to the subject of a column were effected, they are indicated, parenthetically, in the appropriate column.

[8] The act of Aug. 28, 1957 (71 Stat. 485–486), provided that in the consideration of any claim for gratuitous death benefits under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, if it is established, by evidence satisfactory to the Administrator, that a woman, without knowledge of any legal impediment, entered into a marriage with a veteran which, but for a legal impediment, would have been valid, and thereafter cohabited with him for 5 or more years immediately before his death, the purported marriage shall be deemed a valid marriage, but only if no claim has been filed by a legal widow of such veteran, who is found to be entitled to such benefits.

NOTE.—Act of July 9, 1946 (60 Stat. 524), provided that Veterans' Administration monetary benefits, other than retirement pay, for service-connected disability or death shall be designated "compensation" and not "pension." Sec. 101 (16) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 (71 Stat. 90), defined "pension" as a monthly payment by the Veterans' Administration to a veteran because of service, age, or non-service-connected disability, or to a widow or child of a veteran because of the non-service-connected death of the veteran.

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